Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise):* The officers.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* Is the Commissioner convinced that it is 15 yards? I know as a matter of fact it is less than 15 feet. Is the Government convinced about the truth of this statement?

MALA TODDY SHOP—LOCATION OF

209. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of toddy shops in the State which are situated less than 50 yards from the public road;

(*b*) how far is the Mala toddy shop from the public road and the Depressed Class Colony?

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise):*

(*a*) 167.

(*b*) 15 yards from the public road and 40 yards from the Depressed Class Colony.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Is there any rule that a toddy shop should be located only at such and such a distance from the public road?

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise):* No, but as far as possible it should be 40 yards away from the public road.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know, Sir, whether the Excise Commissioner had occasion to note that toddy shops are located near the depressed class colonies at Nadathara and Pullazhi?

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise):* Might be, I do not know.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Is it for the convenience of the depressed class people at Mala that the toddy shop is located so very near to their colony?

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise):* Not only for their convenience, but for all the people of Mala.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ഡിപ്രസ്സഡ് ക്ലാസ്സ് കോളനികൾക്കടുത്തു് ടോഡിഷാപ്പ് പാടില്ലെന്നുണ്ടോ?

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise):* There is no such rule.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ആർ. ഇയ്യുണ്ണി: ടോഡിഷാപ്പ് വന്നതിനുശേഷമാണോ ഇവർ കോളനി വെച്ചതു്, അതോ കോളനിവന്നതിനുശേഷം ടോഡിഷാപ്പ് വെയ്ക്കുകയാണോ ചെയ്തതു്?

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Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise):* I do not know.

PASSES FOR REMOVING FUEL FROM FORESTS—ISSUE OF

210. Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Nemmara):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the system of granting passes for cart-loads of fuel from the Government Forests in Ailur, Thiruvazhiyad and Kairadi Villages in Chittur Taluk was stopped some years back ;

(*b*) if so, what are the reasons;

(*c*) will the Government consider the desirability of re-introducing the practice in view of the rise in the price of fuel on this account?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests):*

(*a*) & (*b*) The system referred to has not been abolished but only suspended temporarily for lack of demand.

(*c*) The question of issuing permits for fuel to individual cartmen does not arise at present, as a large quantity of fuel is known to be available for sale at cheap prices from remnants of fellings in Regeneration coupes as also from assigned lands.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Nemmara):* May I know, Sir, if there is demand from the public, has the Government any objection to reintroduce this system ?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests):* As a matter of fact the rule has not been cancelled. Even now if there is demand, it will be introduced.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is any pass withheld ?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests):* No.

Statement by the Commissioner of Excise regarding enquiry into the allegation made against an Excise Sub-Inspector by an Hon'ble Member of the House

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise):* Sir, I may be permitted to make a statement regarding the result of the enquiry into the charges against the Irinjalakkuda Sub-Inspector made by an hon'ble member of this House.

Mr. K. S. Panicker, the Ezhuva Member for Mukundapuram, complained on 4th Vrischigam 1114 that illicit sales of toddy were

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